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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-80 are pending in the application.

REMARKS

Restriction is required to elect one of the following:

- I. Claims 1-42 and 44-80 drawn to a medical device
- II. Claim 43, drawn to a method.

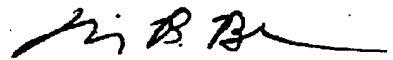
Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant hereby elects the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-42 and 44-80, for prosecution on the merits.

Also pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant is required to elect one of species I-IX for prosecution on the merits in the event that no generic claim is allowable.

Applicant hereby elects species I, the species of Figs. 1A-C, 2A-B and 25. It is believed that claims 1-6, 9-13, 15, 16, 24, 25, 28, 29-32, 34-38, 50, 52-54, 56, 57, 60, 61, 63, 64, 71-74 and 80 are readable thereon.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (703) 433-0510 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,




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